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LOK SABHA

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TERMINATION OF LPG AGENCIES IN PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies terminated by Indian Oil Corporation Limited in Punjab during 2004-05 ;

(b) whether the action against all these agencies has been taken in terms of Marketing Discipline Guidelines laid down by the Ministry ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government to enforce the guidelines to ensure that these are uniformally implemented ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) : Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) have terminated two LPG distributorships in Punjab during the year 2004-05 by invoking the provisions of Distributorship Agreement. IOCL have reported that the malpractice / irregularity were of a serious nature in both cases and hence action against the erring distributors has been taken in terms of the Distributorship Agreement. Government have approved the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) to deal with various malpractices on the part of distributors and Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) follow these uniformally. However, in case any instance of deviation on the part of OMCs in following these guidelines comes to the notice of the Government, this is looked into and appropriate advice given to the OMCs.